

LESLIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, February 8, 2021  
7:00 p.m. - Leslie High School Library

**CALL MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Leslie Public Schools, Ingham and Jackson Counties, Michigan, was called to order by Dave Cowing at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Dave Cowing  
Deann Maynard  
Eric Isham  
Mary Cowl  
John Wayne Stewart  
Bud Fifield

Members absent: Shauna Howe  
None

Administrator(s)  
present: Scott Powers, Superintendent  
Todd Gonser  
Andrea Roach  
Connie Gonzalez  
Rob DeSmith  
Travis McComb  
Anita Strong  
Dave Medcoff  
Kristen Hawkins  
Kara Mowers

Others: Scott Cousineau  
Leslie staff and community members (remote) a complete list of remote attendees is available at the Superintendent's Office.

Pledge of Allegiance given.

COMMENTS AND/CONCERNS OF CITIZENS PRESENT - Reconfirmation of Learning Plan - None

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by E. Isham to approve the February 8, 2021 Agenda; Minutes of the January 11, 2021 annual organizational meeting; Minutes of the January 20, 2021 regular/workshop meeting (open and closed) bills in the amount of \$156,156.01 be approved for payment as presented; Pcard Statement; General Fund Budget Report and Food Service

Budget Report as of 1/31/2021. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

January 28, 2021, School Law Notes, and January 19, 2021, IISD Board Briefs were distributed as informational items.

President Dave Cowing shared thank you letters to Mary Crawl and James Wood.

**INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

**A. IVHS Update**

IVHS Coordinator Scott Cousineau updated the board on the status of the IVHS program and its current students.

**B. Committee Reports**

**Ingham School Officers Association (I.S.O.A.)**

Mary Crawl reported that discussion was held regarding other schools returning face-to-face and the problems they are encountering.

**Leslie Public School District Foundation**

Superintendent Scott Powers advised that the foundation had recently received two large donations. The first was in remembrance of Chris Snow and, the second from Scott and Darlene Karns (Leslie McDonalds).

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**Food Service Appreciation**

President Dave Cowing shared the Board's thank you letter to the Food Service staff for their hard work and going above and beyond since the beginning of the pandemic.

**Title IX Update**

Superintendent Scott Powers advised that the principals and Rob DeSmith had attended Title IX training through Thrun Law.

**BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

**A. Hire Robotics Coach**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by E. Isham that the Board of Education hire Michael Maynard as the High School Robotics Coach. Vote: ayes 5, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 1 (D. Maynard due to conflict of interest/family member). Motion carried.

**B. Accept Resignation**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Danielle Okley as the Speech-Language Pathologist. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**C. Accept Resignation**

Moved by B. Fifield, supported by J.W. Stewart that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Colleen Hart as the Assistant High School Forensics Coach. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**D. Approval of Course Listings for Leslie High School (LHS)**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approves the Leslie High School (LHS) course offerings (LHS Curriculum Guide; GenNet course catalog, and MVU course catalog) as presented by Superintendent Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**E. Approval of Course Listings for Ingham Virtual High Schools' (IVHS)**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approves the course offerings for Ingham Virtual High School (IVHS) (GenNet course catalog, and MVU course catalog) as presented by Superintendent Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**F. Approval of Course Listings for Leslie Middle School (LMS)**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl that the Board of Education approves the Leslie Middle School (LMS) course offerings (LMS Curriculum Guide; GenNet course catalog, and MVU course catalog) as presented by Superintendent Scott Powers. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**G. MASB Board of Directors Election**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education submits their ballot voting for Matt Maciag, candidate for District 7 on the MASB Board of Directors. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Andrea Roach presented the Continuity of Learning Plan to the Board and updated them on any changes that were implemented since the last board meeting.

**H. Reconfirmation of Learning Plan**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by B. Fifield that the Board of Education approve the February reconfirmation of the Leslie Public Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**I. Approve Maner Costerisan for 2020-2021 Audit**

Moved by D. Maynard, supported by M. Crowl to retain the accounting firm of Maner Costerisan to perform the state-required school audit for the 2020-2021 school year and other financial and accounting advice as needed. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

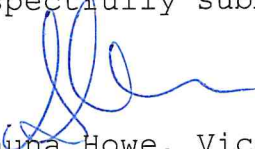
**J. Budget Amendment**

Moved by J.W. Stewart, supported by D. Maynard that the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 General Fund budget amendment #2 as presented by Business Manager Anita Strong at the January 20, 2021, Regular/Workshop Meeting. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by E. Isham, supported by J.W. Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Vote: ayes 6, nays 0, absent 1 (S. Howe), abstention 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Shauna Howe, Vice President  
Leslie Public Schools